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NEWBURY TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION

2002 Working Party

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall, Newbury on 26 July 2001

Present: Mr W J Turner (Chairman), Mesdames E M Anfield, J Lewis, Cllr Mrs B Peel, J E Turner, and M Wallace-Sims, and Mr J Johnston.

**Apologies** for absence were received from Mrs James.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Lewis, appointed by Newbury Town Council, and made introductions.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2001:** The Chairman signed these as a true record.
2. **Committee decisions/comments on the Working Party Minutes dated 28 June 2001:** The Chairman reported with regard to -
  - (a) Terms of Reference: Approved as drafted.
  - (b) Number of Foreign Guests: The Committee suggested that the Working Part consider a maximum number of 130, with Braunfels and Bagnols-sur-Cèze being allocated 20 places each. Mrs Anfield had discussed the Braunfels allocation with Günter Jakob. He thought that allocation was on the low side, but he would ask around.  
RESOLVED that the numbers be adjusted upwards as suggested and reconsidered at a future meeting.
  - (c) Draft Programme: General approach approved.
3. **Finance:** The Hon Treasurer reported, copy filed with these Minutes, that he had obtained prices for a Canal Trip with and without a meal.
4. **Provisional Programme and Theme :**

The Working Party received the following reports:-

- (a) Flag wavers - Mrs Wallace-Sims gave the dimensions of flat, obstruction-free, space needed, from which it looked as if the Market Place would be a possible venue on the Sunday morning subject to safety considerations. If stewards were required, it might be possible to enlist the help of those appointed for the Mayor's Fringe. The size of the team performing would be adjusted to the space(s) available. Arising from this, Mrs Peel suggested that Stable Lads' accommodation at the Race Course at £5 per head might be considered.
- (b) Transcripts of speeches at ceremonies - This would be dealt with as part of the invitations.
- (c) Availability of Corn Exchange and Ufton Court on Saturday & Sunday (25 and 26 May) - Mrs Lewis said that Ufton Court would not be available during the weekend. The Corn Exchange would not be available until the Sunday morning. Mrs Lewis would investigate Russells Farm at Bradfield.
- (d) The Chairman's preliminary enquiries about the Bowls Club appeared favourable.
- (d) Flags - those in hand were held by Mr Jessett and others would be needed.
- (e) Comparative costs of the Corn Exchange and a Marquee - The enquiries made by Mrs Lewis suggested that a Marquee would be very expensive, particularly having regard to the need for security cover. Mr Johnston had obtained a cheaper quotation, and was awaiting a third quotation. This led to a discussion on the possible use of a School playing field. The Chairman would contact Newbury Lions for their experience of security problems at their annual Fireworks display at Newbury Racecourse.
- (f) Exhibitions: Prices for the use of Des Moulins at The Wharf were £75 per weekday, £100 per weekend day, and £50 + wine at cost for an evening reception.
- (g) The proposed lunch on the Saturday for the VIPs - Mrs Turner suggested that this could be held in the Town Hall following the discussion, and she would help Mrs Snell who had volunteered to cater for events during the weekend.
- (h) The Committee had decided that the Theme of the weekend and subject for discussion on the Saturday morning should be that agreed at the International Committee meeting in November 2000 namely ' Leisure and Tourism '.

RESOLVED that all these matters be pursued.

In the light of the above, the Working Party re-examined the Draft Programme and adjusted it accordingly.

5. **Incidental Tasks : Banner across Northbrook Street:** The Chairman reported that the Association did not have a banner. Mrs Lewis reported that an application would have to be made immediately because the policy of the District Council appeared to limit the number of such banners to six. RESOLVED that Mrs Lewis submit an application in the names of the the Town Council Association.

6. **Co-option of additional members :** RESOLVED no action *pro tem*.

7. **Town Council decision-making timetable :** The Chairman drew attention to the need for the Working Party to be aware of the Town Council's decision-making timetable, and suggested that this be tabled at the next meeting of the Working Party. RESOLVED accordingly

8. **Date of next meeting:** At the Town Hall at 1900 on Thursday 6\* September 2001.

The meeting closed at 2055.

\* Changed to 13 September since the meeting due to likely absence of the Chairman, Working Party Secretary, and Mrs Wallace-Sims in Feltre.

NTTA Accounts (end July 01)

Brought forward (end June)

Treasurer Acct: 31-39 }  
Business Ho-Us: ce Acct: 3437-87 } £6407-26  
Owed by Bagnole Acct: 2938-00 }

Receipts:

Subscriptions: 15-00 }  
Winchester Concert Tickets: 72-00 } £ 87-01  
Bank Interest: 0-01 }

Payments:

J. James (Winchester tickets): 72-50 }  
W. Turner (p-copy + postage): 9-77 } £ 89-26  
D. Jessett (stationery): 6-99 }

~~Balance at bank~~

Carried forward: £(6407-26 + 87-01 - 89-26)  
= £ 6405-01

Balance:

Treasurer Acct: 92-14 }  
Business Ho-Us: ce Acct: 3374-87 } £6405-01  
Owed by Bagnole Acct: 2938-00 }         

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